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Officers' Uniforms

1. The Czech officers' uniform is khaki wool. It consists of a cap, blouse, trousers (or breeches) and brown shoes or black top boots. The cap has a stip (sic) visor of brown vulcan-fibre (sic); a double, woven, gold cord runs above the visor and a gold metal State emblem engraved with the Czech heraldic lion is mounted on the cap band; colored piping, depending upon the arm or service, is sewn around the crown of the cap. The blouse is single-breasted with an open collar; it has four pockets. There are vents at the back. The four gold buttons are engraved with two crossed swords. The blouse is worn without a belt. The epaulets are stiff, embroidered with gold or silver yarn, with piping, and with one or two lengthwise stripes, the color depending upon the arm or service; two patches of the same color are fixed on the lapels. A gold or silver war club is mounted on each lapel patch. Along the outside seam of the trousers (or breeches) is piping of the same color as the piping on the epaulets. A khaki shirt and a tie are worn with the dress uniform. Brown leather gloves are worn at parades and ceremonies. A double-breasted, open collar overcoat with the same kind of epaulets and lapel patches is worn in winter. General officers have dress uniforms of the same cut but of lighter material. Their cap visor is embroidered with a cluster of gold linden leaves instead of a war club. On the outside of the trouser legs, there is a colored stripe, about one inch wide with a seam in the middle.

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2. The special ceremonial uniforms, light summer uniforms and white blouses mentioned in the Army Uniform Manual were cancelled before being introduced. The wearing of white shirts with black ties was abolished also. General officers and colonels, however, are permitted to wear light summer uniforms.
3. Officers' field uniforms are thick, woolen khaki. The field cap has a small metal State emblem. The cut of the blouse is similar to the dress blouse. The collar can be worn opened or closed. The lower pockets are inverted (as opposed to the patch pockets on a dress blouse). The epaulets are khaki material with piping and dividing stripes. There are no lapel patches. The buttons are a dull shade. A leather belt with a shoulder strap, breeches without piping and black top boots are worn with the field uniform.
4. The fatigue uniform is the same as the field uniform except for the epaulets, which are similar to dress uniform epaulets. Instead of gold or silver embroidery, corded yellow or white material is used.

**EM and NCO Uniforms**

5. There is no difference in the cut of the dress, field and fatigue uniforms. The uniform consists of a field cap, blouse and thick, khaki wool trousers. The blouse is the same as the officers' field blouse. A leather belt is worn with the uniform. In addition to the usual side pockets, the trousers have a pocket on the left leg above the knee. Semi-high black leather boots are worn with the field uniform, the trousers being tucked into the boots. Black laced shoes are worn when on leave. Shirts and ties of dark khaki are worn on all occasions. A special linen fatigue uniform of light khaki is worn in summer.
6. When on leave, career NCOs and cadet officers are allowed to wear the same dress uniform as officers. The lapel patches, however, have no clubs and the narrow belt over the visor of the cap is of brown leather. A rainproof overcoat is issued to all officers and the career NCOs; it is khaki and can be worn with the field or fatigue uniform.

**Women's Uniforms**

7. Women serving in the army wear uniforms of the same material as the men's. The dress uniform consists of a beret, blouse, skirt and brown laced shoes. The blouse is of the same cut as the men's. The khaki skirt has two inverted pleats in the front. Khaki shirts, ties, socks and light beige stockings are worn with the dress uniform. The field and fatigue uniforms consist of a field cap, blouse, trousers, gaiters and black laced shoes.

**EM and NCO Shoulder Boards**

8. The following is a list of the various shoulder boards worn by EM and NCOs:
  - (a) Red, with black piping: infantry, airborne troops and army musical band.
  - (b) Black, with red piping: artillery, tank corps, AA artillery and ordnance.
  - (c) Pale blue, with black piping: air force and air force musical bands.

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- (d) Black, with black piping: engineers, chemical warfare, army building troops and topographic troops.
- (e) Black, with blue piping: signal corps, railway troops.
- (f) Brown, with red piping: medical corps, intendance, (quarter-master), motor transport, justice and administration.

**Officer Shoulder Boards and Lapel Patches**

9. The shoulder boards of officers belonging to a combat arm have gold embroidery; officers in the services wear silver embroidery. The boards have piping and lengthwise stripes (junior officers two, field grade officers one); the color depends upon the particular arm or service.
  - (a) Red: infantry, airborne troops, artillery, tank corps, and army musical bands.
  - (b) Pale blue: air force and air force musical bands.
  - (c) Black: engineers, signal corps, chemical warfare, railway troops, army building and topography troops.
  - (d) Brown: medical corps, intendance, motor transport and administration.
10. The general officers' shoulder boards have a gold background, with red piping for those officers belonging to an arm, blue piping for air force, and brown piping for rear services and administration.
11. The lapel patches worn by generals and officers are the same color as the piping on the shoulderboards.

**Field Epaulets**

12. Field epaulets for all ranks, except generals, have a khaki background; the color of the piping depends upon the arm or service.

**Rank Insignia**

13. Basic military service or reserve NCOs wear shoulder boards with braids (stripes) placed across the board. The infantry is identified by black and the air force and other arms and services by red.
14. Career NCOs wear yellow braids if they belong to a combat arm and white if they belong to a service. They wear lapel patches without war clubs, the color depending upon the arm or service.
15. Reserve officers' school cadets have in addition to the piping, a one centimeter wide stripe running around the shoulder board piping, on its inner side. The stripe is yellow if the cadet belongs to a combat arm and white if the cadet belongs to a service. The rank is indicated by stripes of the same colors.
16. Regular army officers' school cadets have shoulder boards similar to the reserve army school cadets. In addition, however, they have an arrow-like stripe at the lower end of the shoulder board. They wear the rank which they held before entering the school, or the rank which they attained while at school. If they acquired the rank of 2nd lt, they wear normal officers' shoulder boards. On the lower part of the left sleeve they wear stripes showing the cadets' class.

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The stripes are one centimeter wide and approximately five centimeters long. One stripe indicates the first school year, two indicate the second, and three the third. The stripes on shoulder boards and sleeves are gold if the cadet belongs to a combat arm and white if he belongs to service.

17. Junior officers' shoulder boards are divided by lengthwise narrow stripes into three gold or silver fields. The rank is indicated by silver five-cornered stars if the field is gold and by gold stars if the field is silver. The respective combat arm or service is indicated by a symbol worn next to shoulder board button. Field grade officers' shoulder boards are divided into two fields. Their stars are bigger than those of junior officers. General officers' shoulder boards are not divided and their stars are still bigger than those of field grade officers.

Service stripes

18. There are no service stripes indicating the length of service. The various stripes worn on the left sleeve always indicate a student of some military school.

List of Equipment

19. Enlisted men and NCOs are issued the following equipment: Cap, blouse, trousers, semi-top boots, overcoat, khaki shirt and tie, leather belt, leather cartridge pouch, haversack, knapsack, gas-mask, helmet, camouflage helmet net, CW-protective cape, first aid packet, blanket and a hand shovel.

20. Officers have the following equipment: Cap, khaki neck-tie, blouse, breeches, top-boots, overcoat, raincoat, khaki shirt and tie, leather belt with shoulder strap, leather map case, leather case for drawing implements, gas-mask, helmet, camouflage helmet net, first aid packet, CW-protective cape and field glasses.

21. New special winter clothing is being introduced for both officers and men. This clothing consists of knee-length felt boots, padded quilted two-piece suit, rabbit-skin winter cap, fur gloves and a thin white camouflage hooded coverall.

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